CHARTER DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MILITARY PERSONNEL TESTING

- 1. <u>Committee's Official Designation</u>: The Committee shall be known as the Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing (hereafter referred to as "the Committee").
- 2. <u>Authority</u>: The Secretary of Defense, under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41CFR §102-3.50(d) (agency authority), established the Committee.
- 3. <u>Objectives and Scope of Activities</u>: The Committee shall provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to military personnel testing, as set out in (4) below.
- 4. <u>Description of Duties:</u> The Committee shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (hereafter referred to as the Under Secretary), with assistance and independent advice on matters pertaining to military personnel testing relating to enlisted selection and classification testing.

The Committee shall review the calibration of personnel selection and classification tests to ensure the accuracy of resulting scores, review relevant validations studies to ensure that the test have utility in predicting success in technical and on-the-job training, review on-going testing research and development in support of the enlistment program, and make recommendations for improvements to make the testing process more responsive to the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Military Services needs.

- 5. <u>Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports</u>: The Committee shall report to the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the Under Secretary is authorized to act upon the Committee's advice and recommendations.
- 6. Support: The DoD, through the Office of the Under Secretary, shall provide support, as deemed necessary, for the Committee's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b) (hereafter referred to as "the Government in the Sunshine Act"), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies/procedures.

Additional information and assistance, as required, may be obtained from the Military Departments, other DoD Components, and the Department of Homeland Security, as it pertains to the U.S. Coast Guard.

7. <u>Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years</u>: The estimated annual operating costs, to include travel costs and meeting and contract support, are approximately

\$125,000.00. The estimated annual personnel cost to the DoD is 0.6 full-time equivalents.

8. <u>Designated Federal Officer</u>: The Committee's Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with governing DoD policies and procedures.

The Committee's Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all Committee and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, an Alternate Designated Federal Officer, duly appointed to the Committee according to DoD policies and procedures, shall attend the entire duration of the Committee or subcommittee meetings.

The Designated Federal Officer, or the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, shall call all of the Committee's and subcommittee's meetings; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; and adjourn any meeting, when the Designated Federal Officer, or the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, determines adjournment to be in the public's interest or required by governing regulations or DoD policies/procedures; and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Committee reports.

- 9. <u>Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings</u>: The Committee shall meet at the call of the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Committee's Chairperson. The estimated number of Committee meetings is two per year.
- 10. <u>Duration</u>: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, this charter is subject to renewal every two years.
- 11. <u>Termination</u>: The Committee shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless the Secretary of Defense extends it.
- 12. <u>Membership and Designation</u>: The Committee shall be composed of not more than seven members who are eminent authorities in the fields of educational and psychological testing. Committee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, shall serve a term of service of four years, with annual renewals of the member's appointment; however, no member shall serve on the Committee for more than two consecutive terms of service.

The Committee members shall elect the Committee's Chairperson for a term not to exceed two years.

Committee members are appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

Committee members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and to serve as special government employees. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, Committee members shall serve without compensation.

The Under Secretary shall select and appoint the Committee's chairperson from the total membership.

13. <u>Subcommittees</u>: The Department, when necessary, and consistent with the Committee's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish task groups, subcommittees, or working groups deemed necessary to support the Committee. Establishment of task groups, subcommittees, or working groups, will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the advisory committee's sponsor.

These subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies/procedures.

Such subcommittees or task groups shall not work independently of the chartered Committee, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Committee; nor can any subcommittee or its members update or report directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the Committee members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Committee member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of four years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee.

Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and to serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed on an annual basis. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Committee and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Record Schedule 26, and appropriate Department of Defense policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. §552, as amended).

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